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G.I. Who Deserted Army Fears Kidnap by C.I.A.

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STOCKHOLM, Sweden — [REDACTED]

✓ A 21-year-old Negro G.I. who deserted from the U.S. Army and went to live with his blonde bride expressed fears that he will be kidnapped and brought back to the U.S. by the C.I.A.

✓ Speaking to newsmen at an undisclosed location in Sweden, Ray Jones, 3rd, 21, of Detroit, stood with his arms around his blonde bride Wednesday and explained the reason for his fears.

"It is easy to kidnap a person by forcing him into a car and presenting forged papers at an airport, and the C.I.A. agents are experts at things like this," he said.

DESERTED ARMY

Jones stated that he deserted from the U.S. Army because he was being sent to Vietnam and he did not want to be a part of the American aggression theme.

He said he thought the war was morally wrong and that "Vietnamese people are being treated by Americans like the Negroes in America."

Jones said he knows he will be severely punished if he is ever returned to the United States. "If the U.S. ever declares war against North Vietnam, I can be even be sentenced to death," he said.

WAS INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST

Jones was a private stationed at the U.S. Army base in Fuerth, near Nuremberg, Germany. He said he was an intelligence specialist and was drafted in February, 1966.

His bride, a 20-year-old German girl named Gabrielle, came from Nuremberg to be with him. He has recently been employed as a dance instructor, but says that this is only temporary while he is becoming a playwright.

The Swedish Government granted him a "Nansen Passport," an alien passport distributed to stateless people under a decision of the League of Nations in 1922.

According to Jones, he was helped in his defection by an underground movement. He identified one of the persons who helped him as Eva Almgren, 26, a lecturer in sociology and president of the Pacifist Student Association.

NOT A PACIFIST

Jones said he was not a pacifist and would defend the United States in any other war but the one in Vietnam.

"It is a question of self-preservation for the Negro to refuse to fight in the war in Vietnam," he said.

"It is also a question of self-preservation when I state that I would support the United States States in any other war or in a war where our continent was threatened.

"I would not fight for the white man, but I would fight for my family and all other Negroes."